



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/17/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:00 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

FR-23315
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
12/17/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/08/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/03/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

Ratio Capacity					
Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	2	0	0	1
3 & 4 Years	3	4	0	0	2
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	8	0	0	3
Total Under 18 Years	6				
Children Present: 6 Total Children: 11 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a CI/MV.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/17/2024

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).

Please refer to the website, <http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx> , for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the user id for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a CI/MV:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.12(5) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment shall be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint and kept clean. It was determined based upon observation that the following hazardous conditions were observed:

- The brown sectional couch in the living room area was stained through out the couch and had exposed foam between the connecting parts of the sectional causing the couch to not be properly cleaned and sanitized.
- The large brown reclining chair located in the left corner of the living room area was peeling throughout and not in good repair.
- The brown rug located between the living room area and kitchen was unclean and had unraveling edges through out.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair or replace any identified hazardous or unclean equipment and will monitor all indoor and outdoor equipment to ensure it is free from hazards and kept clean.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Prior Visits: 05/18/2023

290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2024

Prior Visits: 06/08/2022

Corrected on 12/17/2024

.08(1) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed a current and updated record for each Child in care on this date.

Finding

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based upon a review of records that child #1 did not have evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Prior Visits: 06/08/2022

Facility	
290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the Home be clean and free from hazards. It was determined based upon observation that the flooring that was accessible to the children and through out the home was dirty with food, dirt, and unknown debris. It was further determined that that the area where the children eat was dirty with dirt and unknown debris. It was also determined that the the brown area rug located between the living room area and the children's eating area was unclean and had unraveling edges through out the rug.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the cleanliness and safety of the environment, the Home Provider will make hazardous items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2024

Prior Visits: 05/18/2023

Recited on 12/17/2024

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. It was determined on observation that there were two active ant mounds in the outside play area. It was further determined that there were two child size wheel barrows with standing water measuring approximately six and one half inches located on the outdoor patio area accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Prior Visits: 06/08/2022

Recited on 12/17/2024

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based upon observation that there was a five and one half inch gap on the back left side of the outdoor play area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Home will install or repair a fence around swimming pools that makes them inaccessible to children.

Recited on 12/17/2024

Health and Hygiene**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)**

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(1)(a) requires that Children, Parents, Staff, or any other persons being supervised by the Staff, not be allowed in the Home who knowingly have or present symptoms of a contagious communicable disease (such as fever, coughing, fatigue, muscle aches, diarrhea, etc.) or any virus or illness (such as COVID-19, etc.) identified during a public health emergency. It was determined based upon a staff member's statement, that all staff and children present in the home had a contagious communicable disease such as the Flu.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that any persons with symptoms of contagious communicable diseases, or any virus or illness identified during a public health emergency are not allowed in the program.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**

Met

Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

Safety and Discipline**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**

Met

Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)

N/A

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Met****Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.